

Missouri Office of Information Technology

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1.0 Purpose

This is intended to advise agencies on the Digital Certificate Solution statewide standard issued on December 5, 2001 by the Chief Information Officer of the State of Missouri.

2.0 Scope

Currently, a cooperative procurement contract with Verisign for the period of December 28, 2001 through December 27, 2004 is in place to allow the state consistent access to Verisign products. Use of this contract is not mandatory.

Review of the current installation base of digital certificate solutions, availability of other solutions and their functionality and determine the best solution for the State of Missouri. Background

The Office of Information Technology has worked with a number of agencies on the issue of digital certificate solutions and have reviewed the current installation base of digital certificate solutions and have found that where digital certificates are utilized within the State only one company and their products are utilized, Verisign. Prior to making the decision to establish a digital certificate standard, the Chief Information Officer also approached the ITAB membership at its November 28, 2001 meeting to inquire as to whether any ITAB member was aware of utilization of any other product in this space and further whether any ITAB member representing their agency would object to the establishment of Verisign as the State's digital certificate provider with their products being named the State's standard. There were no objections raised by the ITAB membership.

3.0 References

3.1 December 5, 2001 Letter from CIO to Purchasing

4.0 Revision History

Date	Description of Change
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12/05/2001	Original Standard Issued

5.0 Definitions

N/A

6.0 Inquiries

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Verisign is the State of Missouri standard for digital certificates.



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Dear Karen:

As you are aware, my office has been working with a number of agencies on the issue of digital certificate solutions. We have reviewed the current installation base of digital certificate solutions and have found that where digital certificates are utilized within the State only one company and their products are utilized, Verisign. Prior to making the decision to establish a digital certificate standard I also approached the ITAB membership at its November 28, 2001 meeting to inquire as to whether any ITAB member was aware of utilization of any other product in this space and further whether any ITAB member representing their agency would object to the establishment of Verisign as the State's digital certificate provider with their products being named the State's standard. There were no objections raised by the ITAB membership.

With this correspondence, I am notifying the Division of Purchasing of my declaration of Verisign as the State's standard for digital certificates. With Verisign declared the standard, the State needs consistent access to Versign products through a contract. With this correspondence, I am also seeking the assistance of the Division of Purchasing to establish a contract with Verisign under the single feasible source procurement authority. In the contract, the State is interested in having access to Verisign's full range of digital certificate products for both the server and client environment. The State wishes to have access to both 40 bit and 128 bit certificates.

Further, the State wishes to have access to Verisign's legal liability protection in the event of litigation involving the use of a digital certificate issued by Verisign. Verisign's responsibilities with product acquisition should also include installation and configuration of the products. Finally, the State also requires maintenance pricing for the products acquired through the contract.

In having declared Verisign the standard, state agencies should not be permitted to establish other contracts for the purpose of acquiring digital certificates. If you have any questions concerning the naming of Verisign as the State's standard, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gerald E. Wethington
Chief Information Officer

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